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Dancers showcase talents at Spring Concert



VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Spring may have been hiding between the snow flurries on Sunday, but the spirit of the season was alive and very lively inside the Elk Point Arts and Leisure Centre, as Elk Point Ukrainian Dance Club presented their 34th annual Spring Concert.

All 32 dancers welcomed the audience with the traditional bread and salt as they sang O Canada.

The two-hour-plus program, emceed once again by gypsy storyteller Marushka (Denise Bjorkman) began with Carpathian Echoes, a dance from the Hutzul region, performed by senior dancers Abby and Morgan Baker, Kira Brunner, Bryce Osinchuk and Jordan Plaska and intermediates Katelyn Boratyne, Paige and Sam Henderson, Hank Rogal, Ty Smereka, Rhianna Bjorkman, Mykaela Verenka, Sadie Baker, Charlie Rogal and Dalton Reed.

From the club's oldest members, the spotlight turned to the beginners, as Colton Scott, Darci Kardash, Jacob Petruk, Hailey Danyluk and Brock Jacula danced their way through the jovial moments of the Veseli Chas.

The seniors returned to the stage for the graceful Polissian Tanets, while the intermediates followed with the energetic Bukovynian Tanets.

The high-spirited Kozachok showcased the growing talents of the junior one group, which includes Hadley Smereka, Charlotte and Anna Henderson, Shyanne Klatt, Evett Smereka and Brendan Scott.

A spirited solo was performed by Ty Smereka, who was proud to demonstrate his skill in the Polissian number that earned him a gold medal at the recent competition in Vermilion. (Continued on Page 6)

OFF TO A GREAT START - the Senior and Intermediate groups of Elk Point Ukrainian Dance Club performed an enegetic Hutzul dance entitled 'Carpathian Echoes' to open Sunday's concert, where they entertained a huge crowd with some of the numbers that won them multiple awards at recent competitions.

County of St. Paul drops 2016 residential municipal mill rate, plans for large surplus

JANICE HUSER
Review Contributor

The County of St. Paul approved its 2016 budget at a special meeting held on Thursday morning, which will see a larger than typical surplus, along with a reduction in the residential municipal mill rate.

The county will hold the line on all other municipal mill rates, including farmland and non-residential, while decreasing the residential municipal mill rate by 7.9 per cent.

"We're trying to cushion the blow for people," says CAO Sheila Kitz, as she explains why the county decided to drop it's mill rate. She says that overall, there was an increase in assessments.

On the residential side, there was a 4.2 per cent increase due to new housing, and a 4.7 per cent increase in the market value.

Linear and industrial assessments also went up because of Inter Pipeline coming online, and work at

the Pengrowth site, along with other projects happening within the county.

Kitz says that the county is in a unique situation, because of the timing of some of the projects. While some of her colleagues in other municipalities are reporting decreases in linear assessments due to the economic downturn, the county has not seen the same occur, yet.

Overall, the 2016 budget calls for a \$900,248 surplus, which is more than what is normally budgeted. In 2015, a \$109,090 surplus was budgeted.

According to Reeve Steve Upham, the county worked hard to trim its budget and hold onto its surplus to help cover spending. The real estate market has been surprisingly buoyant, and assessments did go up in 2015, said Upham, but he predicted that with the drop in resource revenues, this trend will likely not continue.

"We know that's not going to go on, and there's going to be a rough landing, in the next year or two,"

he says, adding this is where the County of St. Paul realized the need to be proactive.

"I think this budget addresses that."

The cutoff date for assessment values was July 1, 2015, but there have been reductions in market value since that time, across the province, which could have an effect on next year's budget.

"I think we're in a fortunate position," says Kitz. But, council and administration is being realistic, and the reason behind that large surplus is because they are looking ahead, says the CAO.

The 2016 surplus will be transferred to reserves to help offset what is expected to be reductions in assessment in the 2016 year, for taxation in 2017.

"We might see reality next year," says Kitz.

Total expenditures in the 2016 budget sit at just over \$44.2 million, while the total revenue is set at \$45.1 million. In 2015, revenue was set at \$40.3 million, and expenditures were budgeted to be \$40.2 million. (Continued on Page 2)

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Budget

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Total revenue from taxes will increase from \$24.5 million in 2015, to more than \$26.8 million in 2016.

Council has also determined that there would be no cost of living increases for staff salaries, or council, in 2016.

Waterline

One of the county's largest projects in 2016 will be the waterline from Spedden to Ashmont, which will supply the Ashmont and Lottie Lake communities with EPCOR water when complete.

The county approved a motion to proceed with the second lowest bidder on Thursday, during its public works meeting. In the end, the project came in at about \$1 million lower than originally estimated.

The county has awarded the contract to Directional Drilling & Mining Ltd. For \$3.1 million. When all other costs are calculated in, the total cost of the project is now being budgeted at just under \$5.4 million. A previous budget had pegged the project at \$6.5 million.

Kitz says that although no one is happy with the economic downturn, she is happy that the county is able to move forward with the project during this time.

"It's a good time to build."

The Water for Life program, which includes about 90 per cent grant funding for the project, is being used for the waterline project. A debenture will be used to fund the remaining portion.

Typically, council will approve the lowest bidder for projects, but in this case, Urban Systems, the county's engineering firm, recommended the second lowest, due to some red flags that came up after the bids came in.

The lower bidder forgot to add in the cost of the actual pipeline material, and had some other incomplete informa-

tion on its application. After seeking a legal opinion on the matter, administration, along with Urban Systems, recommended council approve Directional Drilling & Mining Ltd.

Tenders received from the project ranged from \$2.7 million to over \$6.5 million. Eleven tenders were received.

Coun. Frank Sloan voiced concern about the process, saying the county should have done a prequalification process before accepting the bids on the project.

"I just feel that maybe all of us dropped the ball a little bit."

The county did do a prequalification for the Ashmont Lagoon project.

Council also asked Urban System's Matt Brassard, who was in attendance at Thursday's public works meeting, about having a full-time inspector on site to oversee the project as it is being done.

Brassard confirmed that someone from Urban Systems would be working full-time on the project. Some concerns stem from issues that have been noted on the Elk Point waterline.

Kitz noted that the type of pipeline that will be used for the waterline from Spedden to Ashmont would be a different material than what was used for the Elk Point line.

Although an increase in water fees for residents isn't noted in the budget, residents should expect increases in rates at the completion of the new waterline.

"The county fully intends to move to a full cost recovery model as per our water policy," says the budget summary.

Lagoon

The Ashmont Lagoon is another large project the county will be undertaking in 2016. That project is being tendered out this month.

Much of the project will be covered by a Building Canada Grant. The budget includes capital expenses to complete

the lagoon expansion and a waste water transfer station.

The project is expected to cost about \$5.1 million, with a \$1.5 debenture being taken out by the county to fund the remaining portion.

Administration

The administration section of the county's 2016 budget will see an increase over last year's spending, from \$3.4 million to over \$3.6 million. Council has approved the hiring of a finance technician, and by May all assessment services will be contract services, as the last in-house assessor will retire.

Contracted services in administration have also increase because of a change in IT services.

Fire

St. Paul Fire is expected to take delivery of a new Rapid Response Truck in May, and an increase in the percentage of shared costs for the Elk Point Fire Department is also worked into the 2016 budget. The increase in shared costs would be based on the fact that a number of the calls Elk Point responds to are in the county, not in the town.

Public Works

The "transportation" budget for expenditures in 2016 is set at \$15.9 million, compared to \$14.4 the year prior.

There is 15 miles of road building budgeted this year, along with \$2.8 million of oiling/paving budgeted. Cold mix will be used again this year, as well as traditional methods of mixing oil on the road.

The use of MG30 will continue as a method of doing dust controls, although council did discuss the introduction of a new product at its last regular council meeting, which is more of a wax-type product, heard council.

Recreation

Upgrading the power at Westcove,

along with an increase of \$5,000 to both the Town of St. Paul and the Town of Elk Point for its recreation contribution is included in the 2016 budget.

Two floating piers for county-run parks, and three floating piers for other lake subdivisions are also included in the budget, along with a playground at Floating Stone Park and an expansion of the Lac Bellevue park.

A small increase to the County Library Board budget has also been approved.

FCSS

The FCSS department will see an increase in funding in the budget, due to the merger that took place on Aug. 1, 2015, that has combined the Elk Point FCSS branch with the County of St. Paul branch. FCSS is an 80/20 funding partnership between the province and the municipality.

The 2016 budget contemplates the continuation of funding to St. Paul Education Regional Division's Family School Liaison Worker program with \$30,000.

Ag Service Board

Priorities for 2016 for the county's Agricultural Service Board include: weed control around highways, continuation of the coyote/wolf reduction program, continuation of the Oxeeye Daisy program, spraying maps to be communicated with bee keepers in the area, and clubroot education and clubroot inspections.

Grants

A number of successful Alberta Community Partnership (ACP) grants will also keep the county busy, with five projects taking place under that umbrella, some headed by the county, and others by surrounding municipalities with the county acting as a partner.

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CONTRIBUTING TO THE CAUSE - Servus Credit Union recently donated \$500 to the April 16 "For the Love of the Game" fundraiser for minor ball and minor hockey. Left to right are Servus staff member Deena Smith, Dennell Anderson, Jean Ockerman, Servus branch manager Jennifer Dallaire, Twila Stafford, Lori Poitras and staff member Marcy Maltais.

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New sign points the way to fifth annual 2nd Chance Trail Ride

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

The Iron Horse Trail near Lindbergh is sporting a brand new sign that was installed just in time for National Organ and Tissue Donation Awareness Week, April 19-25th, 2015, and marks the corner where participants will head north to Lindbergh to saddle up for the upcoming 5th Annual Second Chance Trail Ride on Saturday, May 14.

Reading "2nd Chance Trail Ride, Supporting Organ and Tissue Donation," the sign is bright green, the same colour as the ribbons that an estimated 300 riders will wear in the fundraising ride as they travel from Lindbergh and past the sign on their way to Heinsburg.

The driver of the wagon portrayed on the sign is Morris Irvine, who makes his home in Lindbergh and who, after receiving a double-transplant six years ago, joined other transplant recipients in finding a way to express their appreciation to the donor families and the transplant staff. Since most of them lived in the country and had horses, "a trail ride just made sense," Irvine says. The first ride was held in May 2012 and was such a success that it has been repeated annually, growing every year.

Last year, the ride was a huge success, with 261 riders on horseback or in wagons, and raised \$70,000. Those proceeds went toward maintaining the two apartments for transplant patients through the GoodHearts Foundation and toward the creation of signs to raise awareness of the importance of organ and



Vicki Brooker photo

READY FOR THE RIDE - Morris and Faye Irvine (second and third from right) admire the handsome new 2nd Chance sign at the Lindbergh corner on Highway 646, which was created by metal craftsman Shawn Boyce (far right) of Tulliby Lake, facilitated by Kim Saranchuk (far right) and hoisted into place by Orin Ockerman and Lionel Romanchuk.

tissue donation. Just last week, five transplant recipients from 2nd Chance traveled to Edmonton to present a new treadmill for the use of transplant patients to the University of Alberta Hospital. Tom Matthews, one of four double-lung recipients in the group, told Global News that, "Between the four of us, we probably wore out one of these here in the gym. It's good to give back."

Funds raised at this year's ride will be split 50-20-20-10 with the GoodHearts Foundation receiving the largest share to continue their apartment project. Twenty per cent will go toward the signage campaign, 20 per cent toward individuals going through the transplant process whose families need financial help with parking passes, gasoline and other expenses incurred

while they are away from home with a transplant patient. The remainder of the proceeds will be seed money for next year's event.

Participants can pre-register at the Lindbergh staging area on Friday, May 13 from 6 to 8 p.m., with registration on Saturday, May 14 to begin at 8:30 a.m. The riders will be heading down the trail at 11 a.m. and stopping at Middle Creek for lunch on their way to Heinsburg. A supper, live and silent auctions and a dance with a live band will wrap up the day's activities.

More details and pledge sheets are available on the GoodHearts Foundation website and on the 2nd Chance Trail Ride Facebook page.

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EDITORIAL

Spring cleaning season is here - clean up your act

Earth Day was last week, and the town's annual clean-up blitz and the 4-H Highway Clean-up are still a week or two away, but there's no reason whatsoever that we can't all get a start on cleaning up the community, hopefully in more ways than one.

The volunteers shown on the next page have set an awesome example for the rest of us, cleaning up an entire park and finding some really disturbing garbage in it. Last year, the town's Public Works crew cleaned the park and pruned the trees so passers-by and the local RCMP could see into the park, but apparently that hasn't put a stop to people using that area for less than family friendly activity.

That park was built on land donated by one of the town's very respected families, and was meant to be a place for children and families to enjoy the outdoors. A few years ago, the town installed playground equipment to add to its recreational value.

It's sad to see what should be a green haven instead become a place that parents are afraid to send their children to play, and that even some adults are wary about walking through.

The rural area has Rural Crime Watch, and although not enough volunteers have come forward in town to rebuild the Citizens on Patrol program, that doesn't stop residents from being extra eyes and ears for the RCMP and reporting ill-advised activities.

Let's all pitch in to make our town family friendly.

RECREATION CORNER

Still seats for greenhouse tour

JENA COLBOURNE
Recreation Director

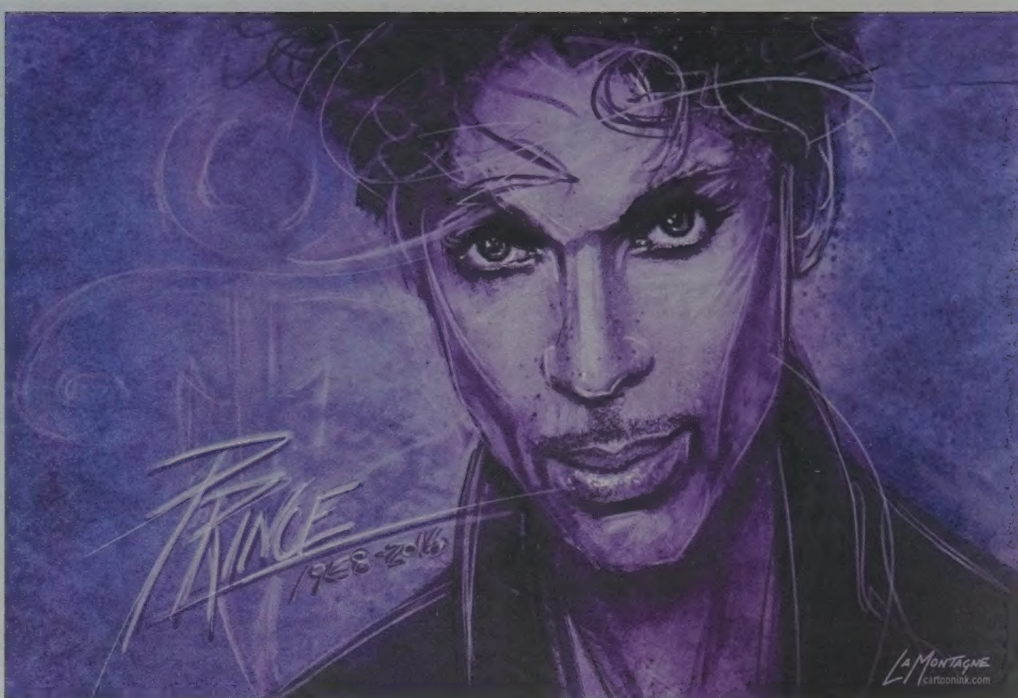
On May 6th the Town of Elk Point rec department has organized a bus tour of three greenhouses just outside of Sherwood Park. There's still plenty of room on the bus to join friends or meet new ones. There'll be lots of room to bring home all the flowers, plants and accessories you desire. It'll also give you a chance to be inspired by new trends and tips. To sign up, visit the Town Office. The trip is just reasonably priced and you don't have to worry about driving, just sit back and relax.

The Rec Department is planning more bus trips, if you have any suggestions on where you'd like to go, email recreation@elkpoint.ca

There will be a Creative Stitches trip again this year. The ladies who went last year had nothing but rave reviews on the trip. Creative Stitches is one of the biggest craft shows in Northern Alberta.

Please check out the Town of Elk Points new website elkpoint.ca. The Town's socials are all active, find us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram @town-of-elkpoint

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WAY BACK WHEN...

Tractor trek, exchange, quilters

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1986

Albert Naber's ancient John Deere tractor, chugged up to the Alberta Legislature, where Ray Danyluk boomed, "I'm proud to be a farmer, and I would like to continue to be a farmer. We produce the cheapest food in the world, but we are now in difficult times and we need help." MLA John Drobot made the official announcement that plans for a long-awaited 30-bed nursing home had received ministerial approval.

1991

Five years later, it was announced that \$3.2 million in funding for the nursing home wing was among a limited number of the 35 previously deferred projects to receive approval in the provincial budget. They came, they saw, and before the large crowd at the Elk Point Community and Cultural Centre Building Society open house left, they pledged the first \$126,140 toward the estimated \$1.4 million project.

1996

Elk Point lodges hosted back-to-back district meetings of the Elks and Royal Purple, with good attendance at both events, with Elks District Deputy Lawrence Pidluzny reporting membership on the rise among the very busy lodges, and OORP District Deputy Sharon Algot reporting a busy year for the 40 members of the Elk Point lodge. Korean, Native, Ukrainian and French dancers and local cowboy poet

"Old Jake" Drobot entertained 20 exchange students from Quebec when they visited F. G. Miller High School.

2001

Dedicated volunteer Irene Magnusson celebrated Volunteer Week by proudly displaying the 209th quilt she had sewn at the weekly gathering of Elk Point Further Education's daytime quilters, a group which at that time included Irene Melin, Muriel Holthe, Karen Langejans, Iryne Buck, Grace Pinder and Verona Lea Flanders. Cowboy poet, western humorist and broadcaster Hugh McLennan brought 'The Spirit of the West' to Elk Point at a dinner and social sponsored by Elk Point Agricultural Society's Livestock and Fairgrounds Division.

2006

Creation of business development and marketing strategies and supporting local businesses came out as top priorities when 44 area residents took part in a community development planning workshop facilitated by Walter DeSilva. Elk Point's 24/7 volunteers were praised at the third annual Firefighters' Ball for their efforts that go beyond the call of duty.

2011

Conservative candidate Brian Storseth and Liberal Rob Fox faced off at a pre-federal-election forum sponsored by the chamber of commerce and Elk Point Economic Development. Elk Point Elementary students took skipping to heart as 92 students raised an incredible \$8,992.75 for the Heart and Stroke Foundation with their Jump Rope for Heart event.

EARTH DAY 2006
saw these Elk Point Elementary School students hard at work cleaning up the trash winter had left behind in their school yard.



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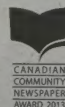
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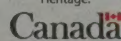
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Volunteers show community pride

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Review Staff

It's been two months since Random Acts of Kindness (RAK) Week, but the good deeds are still ongoing.

RAK coordinator Sherry Bower Gagne "spotted this really great neighbour. She and her family were doing a huge RAK for the community. I'm so grateful for people like them in our town." She said those working on the park were Emerald Meleck, Ryan Davie, Morgan Meleck Jade Saruk, Brandon Baird, Jessica McQuinn, John Inscho and Dominic Beuregard. "They were quite disturbed by the things they found and were concerned for the little people playing there. They found and disposed of broken glass, used condoms, pregnancy tests, joints and broken crack pipes, which were pretty upsetting."

Another neighbour to the park, Town Coun. Debra McQuinn, added, "They did a fantastic job.

I'm so thankful to them and all there hard work. My daughter Jessica, her friend down the way with her brothers, sisters, mom, and dad spent from after school into the evening doing clean up. The mom, dad, and youngsters were at it 11 a.m.. I wish more people would show community pride and such selfless consideration. All I can say is they are one heck of a bunch of citizens. Thank you very much, your town appreciates you."



Sherry Bower Gagne photos



Grant approved for Canada Day

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

With the federal grant of \$2,500 now approved and deposits paid on the fireworks, teen games and bouncy houses, the Canada Day Committee is well on their way to planning another great Canada Day celebration.

Committee secretary-treasurer Jena Colbourne tweaked her sponsorship information at last week's meeting and will be sending the packages to the Town of Elk Point, County of St. Paul, businesses and organizations in hopes of finding sponsors to cover the balance of the cost for the July 1 event. This year for the first time,

banners at each venue will recognize the sponsors of the individual events, as additional thanks to those who are sharing the cost of the full day and evening of activities.

Once sponsorship for that event is confirmed, a streamlined version of the Canada Day Idol entry information will also be made available.

The Friends of Elk Point Municipal Library have confirmed they will once again host the pancake breakfast, and Elk Point RCMP members are planning to visit that event with their mascot, prior to heading to the parade. There will not be an open house at the detachment this year.

Local singer and

songwriter Olivia Rose is slated to headline the main stage performance, with another talented young lady, Jorja Theriault, also on the program, along with Elk Point Ukrainian Dancers. Other entertainment is still being lined up at this time.

Food vendors have been part of the program for a number of years, but this year, there will also be business vendors. The business booths will be located in the east end of the A. G. Ross Arena, leaving plenty of room at the west end for the return of the very popular Chili Cook-off. Information on business booth rental will be available shortly.

Another addition to

the 2016 lineup is the Elk Point 4-H Multi Club Achievement Day in the late afternoon, with displays and activities that include a soapbox derby, dog obedience demonstration and a market lamb show.

Plans are also coming together for the Survivor Challenge, beer garden and other details of the celebration.

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Laverne and Doris Wilson and family



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Concert

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Bryce Osinchuk and Kira Brunner have been dancing partners since they were both beginners, and showed that years of practice pay off in their Bukovyna Duet.

Junior two dancers Shaylyn Klatt, Avery Smereka, Rylee Verenka, Calei Penner, Chloe Bendixen and Dae Smereka wove a colourful tapestry of spring as they followed the intricate steps of the Ribbon Dance.



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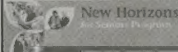
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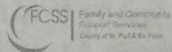
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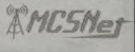
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A Holubar with a unique contemporary twist by the seniors was followed by the high leaps and fast moves of the Kievski Hopak by the intermediate group.

Intermission was put on hold for a few minutes for a very special and memorable dance, as the ladies of

UP WE GO! Even the youngest dancers in Elk Point Ukrainian Dance Club are learning techniques such as leaps and lifts, which definitely impressed Sunday's Spring Concert crowd.

NEW 'GIRLS' IN TOWN - The senior boys and girls switched costumes to show that their talents are not limited to the traditional roles, with the girls performing energetic cossack kicks and the boys swirling their skirts with style and grace.

the senior group became wild and wiry Cossacks for a few minutes, while Bryce and Jaden donned dresses and red boots to become fair maidens and tried out the female dance steps, both groups showing surprising skill.

Then it was time for the Memories storyline, as their granddaughter (Dae Smereka) brought some old photos to show Baba (Debbie Kachmar-Potter) and Gido (Bryce Osinchuk), with some of the photos coming to life, as the beginners performed a cute Bee Dance, the junior two group the Volynski Tanets, the intermediates the Harvest Dance and junior one the heartwarming Hutzul Fire. With the visit over, Baba and Gido snooze on the sofa and are both caught up in a dream of building their first home, as they were joined by the senior and intermediate dancers as they built, feasted and danced in My Homeland.

Ty Smereka and Mykaela Verenka followed the storyline with their Transcarpathian Duet, before the senior group danced their final dance together, before Bryce Osinchuk graduates this year and leaves the club, their traditional Hopak that earned them gold at Vermilion, to end the show.

Kachmar-Potter, who instructed the Elk Point club from 1989 to 1996 and from 2007 until 2016 was proud to see them bring home a bumper crop of medals from recent competitions, and presented each dancer with certificates, plaques and year plates. She accepted an album of memories and a club jacket from club president Melissa Rogal, who thanked the retiring instructor for her "100 per cent commitment, amazing theatrical productions and her reminders to smile."

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Dated at St. Paul, Alberta, April 21, 2016.

Sheila Kitz, Chief Administrator Officer

CHILLY AFTERNOON - Junior 1 dancers warm their hands around the Hutzul Fire, above, while the Intermediate group, below, are anything but cool as they perform an impressive lift in the Bukovynian Tanets.

Botting named Elks MVP for 2015-16

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point Elks hockey club wound up their second season back in the SaskAlta Hockey League with their awards banquet on Saturday, with assistant captain Chevy Botting claiming both the Most Valuable Player and Most Points awards.

Rookie of the Year Jordyn Wozniak also took home a second award as the team's Best Defenseman. Joel Miller was the Most Improved player of the year, while Lee Letestu was the Most Dedicated. A special Coaches' Award from Murray Cochrane, Tony Meger and Brian Poitras went to a player who they agreed, "whatever we asked, he did it, except for playing goal, and he never complained," Sean Joly.

The club's president, Rocky Botting, started off the program by asking for a minute of silence in honour of a valued player from the earlier version of the Elks, noting that "Number 22, Mike Boratynec, played with the Elks for close to 10 years, and he was a force out there." Many of the Elks from that earlier team were present at Boratynec's memorial service on Friday, he noted.

Botting paid tribute to the sponsors, including award donors who have "been here since the team started," to the volunteers and their organizer, Cecile Demers, who also is found keeping score on a regular basis, to Wanda Cochrane, who he said "runs the show" and her daughter Taylor, "who takes care of the players' injuries." He thanked Devon Moneta, Mark Brodbin and Chevy Botting for organizing community events, including a goal shooting competition at the Christmas Extravaganza and games against the Bantam and Midget teams. "This year has been a blast."

"A great coaching staff," made up of Cochrane, Meger and Poitras is "the leadership we need," Botting said. "It's great to have those three leading the team." The three also have their fun side, and so they can continue to have fun in the off season, Botting handed

each a super-soaker water pistol, which he said had much farther range than the water bottle he said he may have seen one of the three aiming at a referee's back one night after a dispute. Regarding the players, he added, "the Elks give us something to look forward to on Friday and Saturday nights, they're a pretty good group of boys, and their talent is awesome."

Another great group of boys are the minor hockey players who helped out in the dressing rooms. Poitras called up Vanden Moroziuk, Sam Rogal and Jager and Kaid Fontaine to receive Elks shirts presented by Cochrane and Meger, and said that a fifth helper, Konnor Poitras, also received a shirt but was unable to attend because he was still playing hockey, this time as part of an elite team.

"It's been a good year," Cochrane said on behalf of the coaching staff. "Hopefully next year we'll win one more and get into a second row of playoffs." As one of the players in the earlier years of the team, he feels "it's good to be back, and it's good to see the Elks jerseys on the ice again. And we have the best fans in the whole league, the turnout has been phenomenal." He added a round of thanks, including thanking his wife for taking care of the programs and team laundry.

Meger expressed thanks to the wives and girlfriends of the coaches and players, as well as to Poitras for emceeing the awards night, helping on the bench, and "keeping the team motivated."

Mark Brodbin spoke on behalf of the players and also thanked the wives and girlfriends who "let us keep living the dream," and the coaches, noting "we don't get to do what we do without you guys on the bench."

Door prize winners included Cecile Demers, Roxie Botting, Wyatt Fontaine and Kaid Fontaine.

THE COACHES' AWARD - went to Sean Joly, whose attitude and efforts impressed coaches Tony Meger, Murray Cochrane and Brian Poitras.



MOST VALUABLE PLAYER - Coaches Tony Meger and Murray Cochrane presented the Most Valuable Player award to Chevy Botting, who also accepted the Most Points award.



DUAL WINNER - Jordyn Wozniak accepted both the Rookie of the Year and Best Defense awards from coaches Tony Meger and Murray Cochrane.



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Rural Crime Watch holds 2016 AGM

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Greater Lakeland Rural Crime Watch (GLRCW) held its annual general meeting last week, and in addition to electing the coming year's executive, heard words of wisdom from both St. Paul and Elk Point RCMP and Regional Director of Emergency Management Rob Duffy.

The annual meeting is traditionally held in February, but was rescheduled due to the hospitalization of president Orest Sereda. Sereda has since recovered and was willing to take on another year as president, with his predecessor, Levina Ewasiuk, replacing Wray McCoy as vice president. Anna Leskiw retained her seat as treasurer, with Dolores Zacharuk taking over as secretary. Lyn Young, Marilyn Habiak, Randy Diesel, Dennis Heffernan and Logan Gardippe are this year's directors.

Meetings will continue to alternate between St. Paul and Elk Point with the coming year's meetings scheduled for June 16 and November 17 in Elk Point and September 15 and the next AGM, on Feb. 16, 2017 in St. Paul.

President Sereda was happy to report that after two attempts, the association's updated bylaws were approved this past year. The group purchased a telephoto lens for Fish and Wildlife to use in surveillance, and also worked with that group to develop a sign that would help gather clues to wildlife crimes. GLRCW once again sponsored the RCMP road race and the Volunteer Week banner, and took their float in Elk Point's Canada Day parade, as well as participating in the Elk Point Information Night.

Cst. Rowena Shea represented the St. Paul RCMP Detachment at the meeting, and spoke about a rash of break-ins at Lac Santé. Prevention of this type of crime in that type of area is "a shared responsibility. Natural surveillance, watching out for suspicious activity and reporting it to police and having a neighbourhood contact list" will all help to deter would-be thieves. Individually, homeowners should videotape or photograph their valuables, record serial numbers and their boat hull identification numbers, she said. "Make sure your home looks occupied, with appropriate lighting and visible entrances. Don't leave tools and ladders around that people can use to break in. And keep your vacation plans off social media." She also told members that the public should not hesitate to call police, and that she would advise them, "don't sit back, take an active role in your community" to keep it safe.

Sgt. Barry LaRocque spoke on behalf of Elk Point RCMP and agreed that "it's best to deter them" from breaking and entering. "You need to make it look like you're home. If they know you're away, they know they've got time to break in. Keep them off your property." Knowing your neighbours is also an advantage, he added, and agreed with Shea that it is important to keep records of valuables and items with serial numbers.

In the Elk Point area, thieves are targeting the oilfield, with three thefts in the previous two days. Oil tank valves are being opened, with significant environmental costs, and tanker trucks are coming onto leases to steal oil. "It all comes back to knowing who's around your area," and keeping an eye out for unusual activity, LaRocque said, adding that there are "hundreds of stolen trucks. You need to protect your property. Take out your keys." Stolen trucks, with stolen license plates are being used in rural break-and-enters, he added.

Rob Duffy said that the area's emergency management plan has been redone, with all emergency services involved, and 30 significant hazards identified, eight of them high priority. Plans to deal with those eight have been developed and an emergency management team with members from the towns of St. Paul and Elk Point and the County of St. Paul has been put in place to get the resources and support needed. "All members have been training, we've done a lot of work in the last year and a half."

The plan replaces one made in 1992 and will be reviewed annually and tested to make sure it works. An emergency social services group of 45 to 50 people will take part in an upcoming exercise involving 'casualties' from St. Paul schools. "It's good for us and good for them," Duffy said.

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He outlined the alert system now in place, which covers the entire county and the two towns, and sends out notifications of everything from tornado watches to water main breaks. Those wishing to sign up for the alerts can do so on the town or county websites.

Following the election of the new

executive, the group agreed to once again sponsor the RCMP Road Race on May 5, which is projected to include between 300 and 400 youths, to continue to sponsor a banner in St. Paul's volunteer banner project and to take part in the Elk Point Canada Day parade.

The group also discussed a more modern approach than the current phone notification of meetings, by going with e-mails. Work will take place on that modification in the coming year.

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Workshop prepares for Orthodox Easter



LESIA PORCINA
Review Contributor

A workshop on Sunday, April 10 at St. Vladimir Ukrainian Orthodox Sobor Parish in Elk Point saw numerous children and adults putting their artistic talents to work. They prepared three items that will be included in their Easter Basket for Blessing on Orthodox Easter, which falls on May 1 this year.

From making the dough to guiding the participants, Virginia Dary showed how to braid and decorate Easter Paska. (right)

While the paskas were rising and being baked, demonstrations by Linda Boser gave step-by-step

instructions on making 'pysanky' – Ukrainian Easter eggs (far right) The final project on the agenda saw Linda showing how to make a 'butter lamb (above).'

Thanks to Fr. John Lipinski, Virginia, Linda

and all the volunteers and participants, this special day of preparation was both productive and fun.



Healthcare Centre repairs near completion

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Replacement of the roofing on Elk Point Healthcare Centre is "almost done," facility manager Kristin Pelechok told the Interagency Health and Wellness Committee last week. "They did all of the roof except Long Term Care; there were leaks everywhere." Replacement of ceiling tiles and other interior repairs are now underway, she added.

Pelechok praised the repair crew, saying they were "very respectful and good to work with."

At the present time, Elk Point still has just two physicians, Pelechok told the committee. A third was recruited, "but he changed his mind." The short list of applicants has been narrowed to two, "and both would be a good fit," she said. Interviews will take place at the end of April.

The Healthcare Centre has "lots of nurses; everyone should be able to take vacation time," Pelechok added. She has cross-trained the RNs and LPNs for both acute and long term care and currently has nine casual RNs available for acute care, as well as "so many LPNs available that I have to choose between them."

Mayor Parrish Tung said the town was very pleased to see the roof repairs done and also that staffing levels were sufficient to cover the facility's needs. He expressed disappointment that the physician had chosen to withdraw, but said he was glad to hear that two other qualified candidates have been selected for interviews.

The mayor reported on a meeting with the Minister of Health that focused largely on a tour of existing facilities in St. Paul, Bonnyville and Cold Lake, with a discussion of a regional plan to

establish centres of excellence in specific areas of care at each of those facilities, and while Elk Point was referred to as receiving overflow patients from other facilities when needed.

Levina Ewasiuk, who was recently appointed to represent the seniors on the committee, suggested Elk Point could be a centre of excellence for gerontology. "We have a large population of seniors, and we have long term care. It might be a good service for the region. We need to be a centre of excellence for something, rather than an overflow facility."

Chamber of commerce president Jonny Nielsen agreed, and said that focusing on such a specialty would both benefit the community and ensure the future of the Healthcare Centre.

Tracy Yaremko reported on upcoming brain injury webinars, with more information to be found on the Alberta Brain Injury Initiative website, <http://www.humanservices.alberta.ca/disability-services/alberta-brain-injury-initiative-learning-series.html>

Margaret Modin reported on behalf of Diana Anderson that the Council on Aging continues to advocate for seniors' transportation and housing and had been happy with the meeting with government representatives.

Terry Shankowski reported that the FCSS has been "very, very busy with the volunteer income tax program," with 43 coming to the office and 17 taken care of at Heritage Lodge.

Christal Brodziak was unable to attend but forwarded a report, noting that birth rates have been very low this year. Flu season is nearly over with few recent cases reported. A final car seat inspection will be conducted in June, with Public Health no longer continuing to do this in the future.

Ball season?

DOUG BASSETT
Review Sports

It happens every year, just when you think you have spring, the weather will change and it's winter again. Not quite winter, but a few wet flurries on the weekend and some rain, but we shouldn't complain, because we certainly can use the moisture.

We have ball teams at every level this year except midget boys and girls, and lots and lots of young boys and girls playing. The ball schedules are almost all out for most of our teams. Outside practices have started this past week with the kids wearing a few extra layers and the parents sitting watching from their cars. That's normal, in fact most of the time I pack my hoodie and gloves well into June just in case the wind gets up. This coming Saturday April 30 we will be hosting an umpire clinic at the F.G. Miller School. Registration is starting at 8:30 a.m. and is open for anyone 12 and older. This is a great way to learn the rules of baseball and to make a few extra bucks.

And now for the K. A. Campbell quote of the week: "Many baseball fans look upon an umpire as a sort of necessary evil to the luxury of baseball, like the odor that follows an automobile." Last weeks answer to "You can't sit on a lead and run a few plays into the line and just kill the clock. You've got to throw the ball over the plate and give the other man his chance. That's why baseball is the greatest game of them all" – major league team manager Earl Weaver.

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Like all volunteer firefighters, Jason spends most of his time doing a regular job. He is the publisher of the Rocky Mountain Outlook newspaper that serves the communities of Canmore, Exshaw, Banff and Lake Louise.

"I am fortunate that my employer, Great West Newspapers, supports my participation in the fire department. When a call comes in during work hours, I have to leave but I know the job of putting out the newspaper will get done."

At first there was some concern of a potential conflict of a news person volunteering as a firefighter but Jason separates his role as newspaper publisher and firefighter. He does not involve himself in any newspaper reporting—his staff do that. "I keep my mouth shut and let the professional reporters do the investigative reporting," he adds.

He recalls responding to the southern Alberta floods of 2013. "It was a major disaster and I had to be on the front lines. The staff at the Outlook responded by being the professionals they are and did the reporting and got the newspaper out."

"When I go on a call my family goes on a call," adds Jason. Being a volunteer firefighter requires strong family support and commitment. "Most often calls seem to come in during the evenings and at night. I may be watching a movie or playing soccer with my two kids and suddenly I am called away. My family has to support that and they do."

Commitment is necessary. The firefighters in Canmore train for three hours every week. Jason has also volunteered for the special operations team—ice, rope, and swift water rescue—which takes another evening each month. He responds to about 100 calls each year—that averages one call every three days while the Canmore Department responds to over 600. The Canmore department assists in the area from Deadman Flats to the Banff Park area as well as Kananaskis and Spray Lakes.

Peter Krich, Camrose Fire Chief and President of the Alberta Fire Chiefs Association, says that Jason is just the kind of individual that makes our communities safe. Peter has been leading the recruitment program of the AFCA for the past several years. "Almost every fire

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department has a recruitment challenge, so we developed a program to help. It has been an overwhelming success and has been adopted nationally by the Canadian Association of Fire Chiefs," exclaims Peter.

There are approximately 13,000 firefighters in Alberta. Of those about 11,000 are volunteers. The remaining are fully paid full-time firefighters usually working in the bigger cities. There are volunteers from 16 years of age (junior firefighters) to the renowned 94-year old Walter Thomas who began his volunteer firefighter career in 1947 (he no longer fights fires but serves as



Canmore Fire Rescue members work to extinguish overheated breaks that ignited the tires on a semi truck east of Canmore on the Trans Canada Highway.

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the historian for the Fort Saskatchewan Department).

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